

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (new): In a modular system comprising a base unit and one or more pluggable electrical units inserted and locked in said base unit, said base unit supplying electrical power to each of said one or more pluggable units inserted and locked in said base unit, a method of shutting down each of said one or more inserted and locked pluggable electrical units comprising:

unlocking said each of said one or more inserted and locked pluggable units to be unplugged from said base unit;

actuating during said unlocking a switch located on each of said base units for each of said one or more inserted and locked pluggable units to be unplugged;

terminating communication operations in progress between said base unit and said one or more inserted and locked pluggable units to be unplugged; and

terminating electrical power supplied from said base unit to each of said inserted and locked pluggable units to be unplugged.